

## MORE RECRUITS.

THIRD REGIMENT HAS A FULL COMPLEMENT OF MEN.

ENLISTING STATION IS CLOSED.

COLONEL GROSS EXPECTS ORDERS TO MOVE EARLY THIS WEEK.

The Regiment is Practically Reorganized, the Physically Fittest Men Being Superseded by Stronger Men—Present to Col. Gross.

"Are you enlisted?"

The man who wanted to watch the work of reorganizing the ranks of the Third Regiment at the armory yesterday afternoon stood perplexed before the sentries at the door whose crossed bayonets barred his way to the inside.

"No, I am not enlisted, but I want to see the drill."

"You can't go in," replied the sentries in chorus. The man stepped back into the crowd which hung about the door.

"Please may we go inside?" The speaker was a rosy-cheeked young girl and beside

her stood an old gray-haired woman who said to the sentry that blocked the way: "My son belongs to the regiment." The old woman and her young daughter were allowed to pass it. The order excluding visitors from the armory was not enforced strictly to the letter, although the number of spectators who succeeded in gaining admission was not large enough to interfere with the carrying out of the afternoon's very important programme. At 2 o'clock, the hour set in Colonel Gross's order of Saturday for the assembling of the entire regiment, the floor of the armory was a swarming, chaotic mass of masculine humanity, half of it in the uniform of the United States army and the other half in the garb of the civilian. But every man in the crowd upon the floor represented a unit in the force with which Spain may have to deal before the war is over. The floor was already crowded to an uncomfortable degree, but still the uniformed and uniformed soldiers continued to arrive until it seemed as if the armory could not hold them.

Officers with swords clanking at their sides hastened in and out through the crowd giving hurried instructions to their sergeants for the formation of their companies. In the middle point at the side of the armory recruits who had not yet passed their physical examinations were being subjected to the final test by the surgeons of the hospital corps. Around the building seemed to tremble and the echo of their voices was heard for blocks away. "Stars and Stripes Forever" by the band made the blood of the soldiers tingle and they gazed to their feelings in raptures of applause.

**Bugle Call for Order.**

The sharp notes of a bugle ordering "attention" was followed by silence as intense as the sudden calm following a storm. Again came the bugle call, this time to "fall in." Without disorder and with the precision of trained veterans each man took his place, and from the chaotic mass of a few minutes before there emerged long lines of soldiers extending in military order from one end of the armory to the other. It was then that the regiment became like a great cloud of blue, rited here and there by lines of recruits for whom there were yet no uniforms.

There were eleven companies of them, ranging in numbers from seventy to 120 men each, and grouped at one end of the armory, behind the company lines, were over 100 more recruits who had not yet had a physical examination. There were sentries of soldiers stood at attention while Colonel Gross and his staff passed between the lines, the band in the gallery played "Yankee Doodle" and "Marching Through Georgia," and unarmy thought it was time to show in favor of the men who carried their emotions after their applause to the

of the spectators.

For nearly half an hour there was an orderly confusion in the ranks of the different companies, caused by the dropping of men from the lines and the rearrangement of those who were retained. As each man was ordered to step forward from the line he was told to go to the rear and remain for orders. A reserve of nearly 200 men was thus created and out of their number will be formed the necessary twelfth company to make the regiment complete.

Many members of each of the companies were dropped to make way for newer recruits of better physique. There were murmurs of protest from them, but their eyes were obedient and the colonel's order strictly to the letter. When the companies first lined up the ranks looked like the rice and depressions of a range of

hills. There was no uniformity of size. Many of the feet protruded from the trousers with comical small stature just barely qualified them for enlistment. Straight-backed recruits followed the line to the rear of the line, and the line of recruits who have not yet acquired the swagger and pose that is a concomitant of the wearing of brass buttons. The task of bringing anything like real military arrangement out of such irregular lines looked hopeless in the beginning, but it was done so quickly that before the colonel's eyes the ranks were as straight as the lines of a well-trained regiment. The men were almost completely reorganized there stood before their gaze a regiment, than which for military appearance there can be few better in the country. Each company of it, when the reorganizing process was finished, contained eighty-four men and officers.

**Good Lot of Fighters.**

"When my regiment is fully equipped there will not be a better set of fighters going from Missouri to the front than the Third of Kansas City," said Colonel Gross, as he cast an admiring glance over the soldiers drawn up in front of him. "With a possible few exceptions nearly every man is physically sound and fit to endure any of the hardships that fall to the lot of a soldier."

A new muster roll of the regiment will be made today by order of the colonel and it is expected that the roll will be completed tonight. No more recruits will be enlisted into the Third and the recruiting station at Ninth and Main streets will be closed today.

Before the close of yesterday afternoon's work at the armory, in the presence of all the men of the regiment, who were drawn up in line, Colonel Gross was presented with a field glass by W. F. Cloud, who was colonel of the Second Kansas cavalry during the civil war. While making the presentation, Colonel Cloud stood on a chair and made a short speech, in which he said:

"This glass was once the property of Hon. John Ross, principal chief of the Cherokee nation, who presented it to me as a token of his esteem, and the 3rd of August, 1862, when, on my own motion, I, as colonel of the Second Kansas cavalry, escorted him, his family and more than

dozen among the soldiers, a substantiation of the fact would come to the front. The glass will be kept in the Third Regiment, and the newspapers go everywhere and the army, wherever it may be, will be kept informed as to the doings of the outside world. It was only when the Confederate troops would reach a large village or town that newspapers could be had. When we reached Memphis a paper published there, the Memphis Appeal, found favor with the army, and whenever the troops moved, going toward the South that paper would go ahead a few towns on the line of march and get out some pretty good newspaper which was eagerly sought. Whenever the army moved the paper moved and the soldiers informed. From town to town the newspaper went, always holding the name of the Memphis Appeal, whether in Georgia or in Tennessee. It was a great comfort to have the news then and was appreciated by the men who did not know now. In these days the newspapers will hardly travel from town to town in advance of the army as railroad and rapid means of communication are in contrast to the days of the '60s."

**SECOND CAVALRY EN ROUTE.**

Rest of the Fort Wingate Troops Pass Through on the Way to Chickamauga.

Two troops of the Second cavalry passed through Kansas City shortly after noon yesterday, en route from Fort Wingate, A. T., to the general rendezvous at Chickamauga. They came over the Santa Fe route by special train, in two sections, the first carrying the horses, mules and heavier camp equipment, and the second the officers and troops.

The other ten troops passed through several days ago. This detachment made the start with the rest, but because of the easiness created among the people on the frontier by the withdrawal of the regulars from that country, where they are continually in danger of an Apache raid, these men were turned back and held to await

the arrival of the new Mexican national guard from Albuquerque.

Each troop was made up of seventy-five men; their outfit included seventy-five mules to each troop, and six pack mules. No stop was made at this point except to couple on the Missouri Pacific engines, which were then sent on to the rendezvous.

The men were supplied with hot coffee at Topeka and a telegram was sent here for 100 pounds of bread to be distributed on their arrival. It was stated that the trains would be held at Sedalia long enough to feed, water and rest the stock, after which the run to Chickamauga will be made without further delay.

It is expected that this regiment will be one of the first sent to Cuba, its experience in roughing it on the frontier, where the men have been in the saddle and under worse than tropical climatic conditions, and above all their acquaintance with warfare in which they were accustomed to coping with savages, making them peculiarly fit to meet the

no anti-Spanish riot.

Wild Yarn That Grew Out of a Fight Between Jim Moran and Two Soldiers.

A story spread over the town last night that a Spaniard had insulted a uniformed member of the Third Regiment in front of the Orpheum theater, and a riot ensued. The story was held to be untrue, but it was said that the Spaniard drew a knife and was killed.

As a matter of fact, there was a quarrel on the street near the theater last night, and two soldiers were injured, but there was no Spaniard in it.

The quarrel was a matter of honor, quarrel with two soldiers, who chased him in a car. The Spaniard was killed by a policeman. There were no arrests.

**More Soldiers to Go Through.**

The soldiers of the Sixteenth infantry, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, are passing through Kansas City today, en route to Chickamauga, to join the other troops of the regiment.

The troops will come to Kansas City over the Santa Fe and be sent forward by special train to the rendezvous.

Tomorrow a detachment of troops from Fort Leavenworth will pass through the city, en route to the rendezvous.

**Cravens Wishes Reinstatement.**

Lanier Cravens, who spent several years in the navy department, has gone to Washington to ask for reinstatement in the department for service in the war. He completed the course of instruction at the Naval academy and had done actual service in the navy prior to retiring, and he was held to be a member of the navy.

"I will give up my pension; only let me fire one more shot for the old flag. I can't stand it any longer," he said. "I am a soldier and I want to be a soldier."

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## WANTS SHOTS.

COLONEL CRAIG'S REGIMENT NEEDS FIFTY SUCH MEN.

FIVE FOR EACH COMPANY.

THEY WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH TELESCOPE RIFLES.

"No Spaniard Wearing Epialettes Would Then Show Himself With Impunity," Says Colonel Craig—43 New Enlistments.

One man referred to the musical entertainment at Ninth and Central streets yesterday as a sacred concert.

"Yankee Doodle," "Dixie," "My Darling Nellie Gray" and other numbers would ordinarily be included in the special order of music at any of the churches, but inasmuch as these patriotic airs inspire men

to that duty which is declared to be next the one they owe their God—their duty to their country—it demands no poetic license to speak of the selections by the five and drum corps as a sacred concert.

It was but little after the usual hour when the recruiting office of the First Missouri volunteers was opened yesterday morning, but, early as it was, there was already a crowd of men waiting for recruits who had participated in the drill and march the night before; others, filled with martial ardor by the first public demonstration by Colonel Craig's regiment, were then showing themselves to be as soon as possible. Forty-three new enlistments were recorded between 9 a. m. and 6 p. m., and several more were added before the office closed.

A proposed feature of the First Missouri Volunteer infantry developed yesterday, and Colonel Craig desires that it be given the widest publicity.

"I am a volunteer," said the colonel to a reporter for The Journal. "We don't want indifferent marksmen; we want dead shots, and none except those entitled to distinction as such apply, as they would simply be a waste of time. If we can equip fifty such men, five for each company, with telescope rifles, we will go into the field in good shape. No Spaniard wearing epialettes would then show himself with impunity unless he got a very rapid move on himself."

The drill ordered for 3 p. m. brought out practically the same number of men, and the drill was held in April weather, warm and showery, but a few moments before three o'clock there was a rift in the clouds overhead, which rolled back like a

scroll, bringing to view a brilliant sun, and the drill continued until five o'clock, when the sun was again hidden by a cloud.

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## AN INSPIRING SCENE.

Presentation of Flag to Company B, K. N. G.—Ceremonies Very Impressive.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CORNER

Seventh and Nebraska avenues, Kansas City, Mo., was crowded to the doors

last night with patriotic citizens of the Kansas metropolis, who assembled to witness the presentation of a beautiful flag to Company B, K. N. G. The flag was the one presented to the Boys' brigade, a military organization of the First Presbyterian church, about two years ago by Burnside post, No. 23, G. A. R. Governor E. N. Morrill presented the flag to the boys and they have ever held it sacred.

Company B is on the eve of departing for the field, it was decided to make the real soldiers a present of the flag and the church members of the Boys' brigade of the church marched to the altar under command of Captain John Moore and escorted Company B to the church. The members of the company were in full uniform and were given seats at the front.

The services opened with invocation by Rev. Dr. Harlan G. Mendhall, after which patriotic airs were sung. A special sermon was preached by Dr. Mendhall, the presentation of the flag concluded the evening's services.

Miss Anna Hull, of Mississippi, whose near relatives were all Confederate soldiers, made the presentation speech. Her remarks, very brief, were well directed and had a very effective effect on the multitude of listeners. Patriotic emotions were stirred in the hearts of the young soldiers to protect the flag and to return it in as good condition as they found it.

The occasion was one long to be remembered by all who were present. The flag, which was presented to the Boys' brigade, was a beautiful one, and it was well to be remembered by all who were present.

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